

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

KYLE CHRISTOPHER BENTON,

Defendant.

Case No. MJ24-561

DETENTION ORDER

Defendant Kyla Christopher Benton is charged with unlawful possession of a machine gun, 18 U.S.C. § 922(o). The Court held a detention hearing on September 10, 2024, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), and based upon the reasons for detention stated in the record and as hereafter set forth below, finds:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. The government is entitled to a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1), as Mr. Benton is charged with an offense involving possession of a firearm.
2. Mr. Benton does not pose a risk of nonappearance. He has strong family ties, stable employment, and stable housing. Mr. Benton has limited criminal history.

1           3.     Mr. Benton poses a risk of danger due to the nature of the instant offense. Mr.  
2           Benton is charged with possessing an M-16 machine gun.

3           4.     The weight of the evidence is strong as the machine gun was located in his  
4           residence during a search warrant. There are also photos purporting to show Mr.  
5           Benton holding the machine gun as well as other firearms.

6           5.     As stated on the record, Mr. Benton was detained because he poses a unique  
7           danger to minority communities given the allegations of radicalization coupled  
8           with the allegations of possession of a machine gun.

9           6.     Based on these findings, and for the reasons stated on the record, there does not  
10          appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will reasonably  
11          assure Mr. Benton's appearance at future court hearings while addressing the  
12          danger to other persons or the community.

13       IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

14       (1)     Mr. Benton shall be detained pending trial, and committed to the custody of the  
15       Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent  
16       practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody  
17       pending appeal;

18       (2)     Mr. Benton shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with  
19       counsel;

20       (3)     On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the  
21       government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which Mr. Benton  
22       is confined shall deliver Mr. Benton to a United States Marshal for the purpose of  
23       an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

1 (4) The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to  
2 counsel for Mr. Benton, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States  
3 Pretrial Services Officer.

4 DATED this 10th day of September, 2024.

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7 MICHELLE L. PETERSON  
8 United States Magistrate Judge  
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